

ABSTRACT

A method of making a composition comprising reacting, in a reactor, a non-halogenated acetoacetate group containing monomer, at least one additional monomer, and a base, wherein at least a portion of the base is fed to the reactor during reaction. Also, a composition comprising an aqueous polymer dispersion that is a product of a method comprising reacting a non-halogenated acetoacetate moiety containing monomer, at least one additional monomer, and a base, wherein the base is fed to the reaction during reaction, wherein the composition has a lower viscosity than a second composition, wherein the second composition is prepared from the same materials as the composition, and the second composition is made by a method wherein the base is added to the second composition after a reaction to form the second composition.